

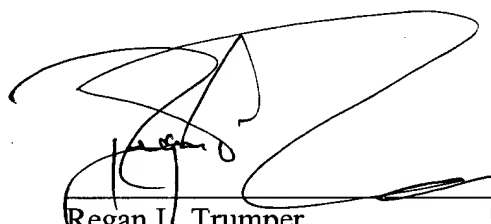
REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on March 25, 2004, claim 8 and 26 of the present application are amended herein so as to be written in independent form and claims 9-22 are as originally claimed. Claims 1-7 and 23-25 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims is hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (970) 679-3275.

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